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Special train will leave Alma at 8:14 a. m. Excursion tickets good for return until October 18, will be sold to Toledo at \$4.36 for the round trip and at correspondingly low rates to points on railroads named above, good for return to November 3rd.

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U. B. CHURCH--Morning service at 10:00 Sunday School at 11:45; Preaching service at 7:00. Rev. C. L. HARWOOD, Pastor.

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M. E. CHURCH--Morning services 10:00; Sunday school 11:30. Evening service 7:00. Young People's meeting Sunday evening at 8:00. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:00. Rev. F. H. CLAPP, Pastor.

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ALMA Chapter, No. 129, R. A. M. Regular meetings on Monday night or after fall moon. W. POLASKY, H. P. WALTER CAPLE, Sec'y.

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ALMA CHAPTER, O. E. S. No. 48--Regular meetings on the first Friday of each month. Mrs. FRANCES HOWE, W. M. MINNIE SMITH, Sec'y.

ALMA ENCAMPMENT, No. 62, I. O. O. F. meet every alternate Wednesday night in I. O. O. F. Temple. W. H. ROGERS, C. P. W. S. BOGART, Scribe.

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ALMA COURT NO. 778, I. O. F., holds regular meetings in G. A. R. hall. CHAS. MORDEN, C. R. CLARE BEER, S. R.

ALMA HERD NO. 62 American Buffaloes meet every alternate Thursday night in I. O. O. F. Temple. L. C. REYBOS, Sire W. S. BOGART, Scribe.

A. R.--William Meyer Post, No. 152 Depart G. A. R. meet on Michigan, G. A. R. meet on 3d Sat. of each month at 7:00 p. m., and on the 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 p. m. Francis Hawley, Commander. JOHN GREIG, Adjutant.

CAMP DARRAGH No. 1 N. L. V. S. meet in W. R. C. hall second and fourth Sunday of each month. JOHN TRENK, Col. W. A. DAVIS, Q. M.

WM. MOYER RELIEF CORPS, No. 188, meet every second and fourth Wednesday in the month. Visiting members always welcome. Mrs. MARIETTA HAWLEY, President. Mrs. MAY BAKER, Sec.

EDLWEISS CO. NO. 4 U. R. K. of P.--meet every month. In R. of P. hall, first Tuesday after 10th of every month. DEWITT VOUTRY, Captain. MARVIN HARVEY, Recorder.

O. T. M. Regular reviews of Alma Ten No. 384 are held every alternate Wednesday night in I. O. O. F. Temple. Visiting members of the Order are welcome. FRED ROHLAN, Com. H. J. LEONARD, R. K.

SUPERIOR REBEKAH LODGE, No. 301, I. O. O. F. Regular meetings Friday nights in I. O. O. F. hall. AGNES DENGES, N. G. LUCIA HOGART, R. R.

Equitable Fraternal Union No. 325, Regular meetings every alternate Thursday evening in R. of P. hall. ELI L. BROWN, Secretary. OTIS WHITE, President.

ALMA LODGE No. 238, I. O. O. F. meet every Monday evening in I. O. O. F. Temple. R. W. ANDERSON, N. G. W. S. BOGART, R. S.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS--Phi James Lodge No. 95, K. of P. hold its regular meetings every Friday night. J. S. KNOX, C. C. ADOLPH THEM, K. of P. & S.

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If you have coated tongue, with bitter or bad taste in the morning, frequent headaches, feel weak, easily tired, stitches or pain in side, back gives out easily and aches, belching of gas, constipation, or irregular bowels, feel flashes of heat alternating with chilly sensations or kindred symptoms, they point to derangement of your stomach, liver and kidneys, which the "Golden Medical Discovery" will correct more speedily and permanently than any other known agent. Consider no alcohol or habit-forming drug. All its ingredients printed in plain English on wrapper.

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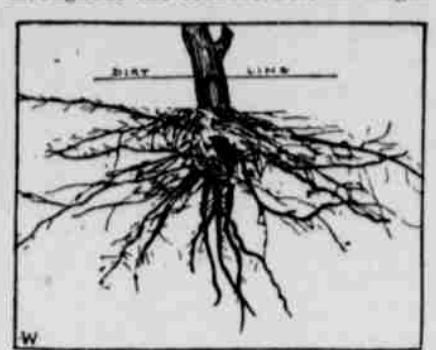


TOBACCO GROWING.

Interesting Points in the Culture of the Dark Tobacco of Virginia.

By Messrs. M'NESS and MATTHEWS, N. tobacco experts, bureau of soils.

The dark shipping tobacco is generally raised on rich lands and cured with open wood fires. England, France, Germany, Spain, Austria and Italy take the bulk of this tobacco, although the higher grades are used at home for plug wrappers. This tobacco is produced to greater or less extent throughout the tobacco belt of Virginia.



ROOT SYSTEM OF TOBACCO PLANT.

It is, but the most of it is grown south of James river in territory extending from Petersburg on the east across the Piedmont plateau to the edge of the Blue Ridge, with Lynchburg and Petersburg as the most important market centers.

In Virginia the practice is to follow tobacco with wheat and the wheat with clover for two years and then back to tobacco. On the tobacco it is the custom to apply per acre 400 pounds of a fertilizer analyzing 3 per cent ammonia, 9 per cent phosphoric acid and 3 per cent potash. This adds to the soil a total of twelve pounds of ammonia, thirty-six pounds of phosphoric acid and twelve pounds of potash per acre. It is noticeable that the requirements of tobacco for phosphoric acid are very small, but as a matter of field practice it is found that the crop will show signs of suffering from lack of this substance unless the available supply is very much in excess of the amount actually taken up by the crop. Where wheat follows tobacco no additional fertilization is given, dependence being solely upon the natural resources of the soil and the remnant of the application given the tobacco. It is seldom that more than ten or fifteen bushels of wheat to the acre is harvested.

Tobacco is a crop that with an increase in yield usually gives a corresponding increase in quality, provided the soil conditions and management are right. It has often been found that it pays to apply very large amounts of fertilizer to a tobacco crop where it might not have proved profitable to do so with other and lower priced farm crops. The Virginia farmers generally cultivate their crops deeply, thus injuring the root system which is spreading near the surface. The rule is to give the tobacco three cultivations, using a one horse implement (the first two with a double shovel plow and the last with a turning plow), and two hoeings by hand. Except in the case of low lying fields, where there is danger from standing water, it is best to discard the turning plow entirely and use nothing but implements for shallow cultivation. This has been fully demonstrated in recent experiments where the efficiency and profitability of frequent and shallow cultivation of tobacco have been studied. The shovel plow may be used to advantage and is recommended for the first cultivation. At this time the roots of the plants have not spread into the row and the soil is likely to be packed from heavy rains and from tramping at the time of setting. Deep, thorough breaking out of the middles is to be avoided.

The flock I started with were of Merino blood and would weigh eight-five to ninety-five pounds and sheared five to six pounds of wool per head. I had been using Shropshire rams, selling the lambs to feeders, until my flock was getting old, and I had to make a change. My idea of a ewe was one that would weigh from 120 to 130 pounds, shear ten pounds or more of wool, with a long, smooth back and one or two folds on the neck. The kind of ram I wanted was like the ewe, only larger, with eight to twenty pounds of long, white wool.

I found a ram of the National Delaine breed that weighed 175 pounds and sheared seventeen pounds of wool. That was ten years ago, and I have been breeding with the same idea ever since. How well I have succeeded is shown by my present flock, which consists of sixty-five ewes that will average 120 pounds and shear about ten pounds of wool.

The ewes are fed corn stover in the morning, one-half pound per head of corn and oats at noon and clover hay at night, with water before them all the time and good salt twice a week. On pleasant days the corn stover is fed in the yard, which gives them plenty of exercise. They are housed at night and during all stormy weather. I do not want them to get wet from the 1st of November until turned out to pasture. The barns are quite warm and ventilated with a number of windows.

In this locality the first half of April is early enough for lambs to come and I find it best to have the ewes shorn before lambing. With this management I have increased my flock 100 to 125 per cent a year. Each year I save fifteen or twenty of my very best ewes which come near my ideal. I give them the very best care, all the clover hay they will eat and about three-fourths of a pound of grain per day, a mixture of corn and oats, half and half. I want to get as much growth as possible while they are young. They are bred at nineteen to twenty months of age, and I let as many ewes go each year as I keep lambs. The lambs from these ewes make excellent feeders.--F. E. Lowe, Michigan, in American Agriculturist.

For the benefit of those who are unwilling to purchase caps for covering the cocks we wish to say that alfalfa, properly cooked, will shed water just as well as clover--in fact, many farmers claim that it will shed water even better and that it is no more difficult to cure than clover in any season. While this may be true, we urge the use of caps for the reason that alfalfa is so much more valuable than clover, and a little extra expense in this line is money well invested.--Farmers' Tribune.

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While They Waited

By Virginia Leila Wentz

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He jumped out of the little country rig, leaving it in the hands of a freckle faced boy, and rushed up to the ticket office just as his train was pulling out from the station.

"Tshaw!" he exclaimed frantically, and then to the sleepy looking, contented ticket agent, "When does the next train leave for New York?"

"Two hours," replied that individual laconically.

Maverick Oliver wasn't a man to cry over spilled milk. He sat himself philosophically down in a shady recess of the waiting room and extracted a